GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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Vacancies of Independent Directors in CPSEs
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Public Sector Undertakings functioning without Directors PSU-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the persistent problem of vacant posts of non-official Directors on the Boards of scheduled Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs);

(c) if so, the reasons for non-appointment of independent Directors and the number of vacant posts in the CPSEs as on 31st March, 2015; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts in the said CPSEs at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a): The Articles/Memorandum of Association inter-alia, lay down the minimum and maximum number of Directors, including functional, Government and non-official Directors, on the Boards of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) concerned. While there could be vacancies in the total strength of the Boards, there are no CPSEs functioning without a Director.

(b) to (d) : As per available information, in 182 scheduled CPSEs, there are around 530 vacant positions of non-official Directors. Filling up of vacancies which arise due to completion of normal tenure of three years, resignation/removal of non-official Directors, etc. is a continuous process. The Government has laid down guidelines for selection and appointment of non-official Directors on the Boards of CPSEs so that the process of filling up of vacancies is continuously taken up.

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